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SUBJ: THIRD SESSION WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

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1. USDEL TO COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS RAISED PROBLEM OF FAO POSITION ON WORLD FOOD COUNCIL'S (WFC) PROGRAM ON HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION WITH FAO PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN RALPH PHILLIPS. PHILLIPS CHECKED DRAFT REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE AND FINDS FAO DOES REPEAT DOES SUPPORT MOST OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL PROPOSALS. ONLY DIFFERENCE SEEMS TO BE PREPARATION OF WORLDWIDE LONG-TERM ACTION PLAN ON NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EFFORTS WHICH YUGOSLAV HAD PICKED UP, SEE REFTEL (A). SINCE THIS IS NOT CRITICAL POINT OF WFC ACTION PROGRAM AND WE ARE ALSO SKEPTICAL OF NED FOR LENGTHY PLAN, WE DOUBT FURTHER ACTION IS NECESSARY WITH FAO.

2. DISCUSSION WITH ARGENTINE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE FALDINI SHOWS SUSPICION THAT U.S. PROPOSAL WAS EFFORT TO PUSH OTHER TOPICS TO ONE SIDE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONCENTRATION ON HUNGER, MALNUTRITION AND PRIORITY ACTION COUNTRIES WOULD FOCUS WFC ON GEOGRAPHIC AREA OUTSIDE LATIN AMERICA. FALDINI IS MUCH MORE INTERESTED IN TRADE DISCUSSION AT WFC AND, THOUGH HE HAS NO INSTRUCTIONS ON U.S. PROPOSALS, HE EXPECTED HIS MINISTER WOULD ALSO STRESS ITEMS OF MORE DIRECT INTEREST TO ARGENTINA. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT MAIN

VENUE FOR ADDRESSING TRADE PROBLEMS WOULD CONTINUE TO
BE GATT, FALDINI OBSERVED THAT MINISTERS WERE NOT
CLOSELY BOUND BY ISSUE OF WHAT SHOULD BE APPROPRIATE
FORUM FOR EACH TOPIC.GARDNER

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